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Applicants will be required to produce Passports or identification papers. All persons, with certain exceptions, who remain in the Colony for more than 7 days are required to register themselves under the REGISTRATION OF PERSONS ORDINANCE 1916. Forms of Registration giving the particulars required may be obtained at the G.P.O. and at all Police Stations.  
The Penalty for non compliance is a fine not exceeding \$50.

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THE OCEAN MARINE INSURANCE  
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THE RAILWAY PASSENGERS  
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TOTAL FUNDS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1914.  
£23,970,867.  
—Authorized Capital £6,000,000.  
Subscribed Capital 24,500,000.  
Paid-in Capital £2,437,500  
II.—Fees Funds 3,837,047  
III.—Life & Annuity Funds 17,567,590  
Sinking Fund Account 128,230  
£23,970,867

Revenue Fire Branch £23,381,456  
—Life and Annuity Branches 2,141,683  
Revenue Marine Department 337,239  
Other Receipts 478,940  
£23,938,228

The Administrative Funds of the various Branches are separately invested, and by Act of Parliament, are set aside to meet the claims under the respective Departments of the Company's Business.

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LIMITED

TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS  
7.00 a.m. to 8.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.  
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3.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.  
NIGHT CARS  
8.30 p.m. and 9.30 p.m. to 11.00  
p.m. every half hour.  
11.00 p.m. to 11.45 p.m. every quarter of  
an hour.

7.30 a.m. SUNDAY.  
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NIGHT CARS as on Week Days.

SATURDAY.  
Extra Cars at 12 midnight.  
SPECIAL CARS by arrangement at the  
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Hongkong, April 11, 1912.

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Town Office, 48, CONVENTRY ROAD, CENTRAL, HONGKONG. Telephone No. 480.  
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Estimates furnished on application.

WONG PING WA, Manager.

Hongkong, April 1, 1912.

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WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS,  
TELEPHONE No. 616.

## To-day's Advertisements

**ALFRED HYNDMAN**  
43 Wyndham Street  
Has for sale  
CARPENTER at \$1.00 per dozen  
sabots  
RIBBONS at \$1.00 each.

UNDETECTABLE to clean and repair  
Typewriters at \$1.00 per machine  
per annum.  
For particulars apply to the above  
advertisers.

HONGKONG Nov. 7, 1917. 2275

THE WATERHOUSE STEAMSHIP  
LINES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.  
FROM SEATTLE AND JAPAN.

THE Steamship "THONDIS" having  
arrived from the above ports, Con-  
signees of Cons., by her are hereby in-  
formed that all Goods are being hauled w/  
or risk into the hazardous and/or extra  
hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and  
Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company  
Limited, whether and/or from the wharves,  
dock or yard may be obtained.

On or not cleared by the 14th Novem-  
ber 1917 at 5 P.M. will be subject to rent.  
All broken, chafed and damaged pack-  
ages are to be left in the Godowns where  
they will be examined by Messrs.  
Goddard & Douglas on 14th November,  
1917, at 9.30 a.m. Claims against  
carriers must be presented within 10 days  
otherwise, otherwise they will not be  
recognized.

This insurance will be effected by us  
in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned  
by:-

**JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.**

Hongkong, Nov. 7, 1917. 2272

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION  
COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND  
SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship "RAJAH" having  
arrived from the above ports, Con-  
signees of Cons., by her are hereby in-  
formed that all Goods are being hauled w/  
or risk into the hazardous and/or extra  
hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon  
Wharf & Godown Co. Ltd., whence,  
and/or from the wharves, delivery may be  
obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 15th instant  
will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages  
are to be left in the Godowns where  
they will be examined. Claims against  
the steamer must be presented within 10 days  
of arrival otherwise they will not be  
recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us  
in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

**JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.**

General Agents.

Hongkong Nov. 7, 1917. 2273

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## THE CALENDAR.

## MEMO FOR TO-MORROW.

2 p.m.—Auction of Miscellaneous  
Goods (Dress Materials, Sashes, Silk  
Socks, Perfumery etc.), at Messrs.  
Hughes and Hough.

General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, Nov. 9 & SATURDAY, 10.—  
2.15 p.m.—Auction of Household  
Furniture, Bed Linen, Gramophones,  
Cut-glass, etc. etc. at No. 24  
Lyndhurst Terrace.

SUNDAY, Nov. 11.—  
King of Italy's birthday (1869).

MONDAY, Nov. 12.—  
General Holiday.

TUESDAY, Nov. 13.—  
3 p.m.—Sale of Crown Land at P.W.D.

HALF-TONE AND  
LINE BLOCKS.

FOR ADVERTISEMENTS,  
ILLUSTRATIONS, ETC.

CAREFULLY AND ACCURATELY  
PRODUCED.

Orders can be placed without  
any charge.

in the light those Demands cast on  
Japan's ambitions, and thus the  
announcememt will excite intense  
curiosity as to what are regarded  
as Japan's "special interests";—that  
is to say, whether they are  
of such a character as to give  
Japan, subject to the open-door  
guarantees for trade and commerce,  
free rein to the aspirations with  
which she is so freely credited  
of becoming the guiding and con-  
trolling "genius" of China in her  
regeneration.

## CHINESE AFFAIRS.

[*"Chinese Mail" Service.*]

## BATTLE ON SZECHUAN FRONTIER.

PEKING, Nov. 6.  
The Cabinet has received a  
telegram from General Chung Ti Do,  
commander of the northern troops on  
the Szechuan frontier that he took  
possession of Telaucheng after an attack  
which lasted four days. The Yunnanese  
troops are retiring towards Fushan.  
They burned and looted Telaucheng  
when they evacuated the place.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A shop coolie, aged 40 has been  
sent to the Government Civil Hospital  
suffering from injuries sustained through  
throwing himself from verandah.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Society  
of St. Vincent de Paul begs to acknowl-  
edge with thanks a donation of \$25 to  
the funds of the Society from "A  
Friend."

The China Mail Steamship Co.'s  
China sailed from Shanghai this morn-  
ing, November 7th, and is due to arrive  
here on Saturday, November 10th, at  
daylight.

The Water Return for November  
1st, just issued, shows that the water  
in storage was 1,475.05 millions of  
gallons. Last year on the same date  
the water in storage was 637.56  
millions of gallons, so the Colony is now  
in an eminently satisfactory position as  
regards its water supply, thanks to the  
vast reservoirs now nearing  
completion at Tytam Tuk. In  
this reservoir alone there were 1,067  
millions of gallons on the 1st inst.  
Kowloon had on the 1st of November  
this year exactly the same quantity of  
water in storage as last year, namely  
342.10 millions of gallons.

The wedding of Miss Edith Ethel  
Witchell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.  
Witchell, at the King Edward Hotel, to  
Mr. Robert G. Southerton, of the British  
American Tobacco Company, took place  
yesterday, at the Cathedral, the Bishop  
of Victoria officiating. The Bride, who  
was given away by her father, was  
attended by her sister, as Matron of  
Honour, and Miss Jennie Jack and Miss  
Winnie Belson as bridesmaids; all  
carrying bouquets of flowers. The  
Bridegroom was supported by Mr. T. F.  
Ford, who officiated as best man.  
After the ceremony a reception was  
held at the King Edward Hotel, and  
subsequently the happy pair left for  
Macao.

On the eve of his departure for  
England, to offer his services to his  
country, Captain Hussey, who has been  
on the China Coast for 22 years, was  
presented with a gold mounted Cigar  
Case, subscribed for by a few members of  
the V.R.C., of which club Captain  
Hussey has been a member for about 15  
years. Mr. Witchell, presenting the gift,  
said that Captain Hussey had always  
taken a keen interest in sport, and he  
was sure the Members present would  
agree with him when he said that the  
congenial smile and cheery manner  
of the departing member would be greatly  
missed. Captain Hussey suitably replied,  
after which the members present drank  
the health of the Captain, with musical  
honours.

## THE SITUATION AT CANTON.

The Intelligence Bureau at Canton  
communicates the following informa-  
tion:

The question of military government  
in Canton will not affect the expedi-  
tory programme in Hunan against the  
North Vanguards of the Second  
Expeditionary Army from Kwangtung  
which has already left Canton, and the  
main body is expected to start at its  
earliest convenience.

The situation in Canton, in spite of  
strange efforts on the part of Tuan to  
arouse discontent among the troops  
disorder inside the official circle,  
excitement among the people at home  
and misunderstandings of the Southern  
policy abroad, is being well handled.

Those in authority have resolved to  
cope with it with a strong hand. It is  
expected that the question will be  
satisfactorily settled within a few days.

## ACCIDENTS WILL HAPPEN.

IT may be impossible to prevent an  
accident, but it is not impossible to  
so prepare for it. Chamberlain's Pain  
Pain is a cure beyond anyone's power, and  
will not be present in the future, one  
of the greatest difficulties in China has  
been removed by the Chamberlain's Pain  
Pain.

INVESTITURE AT  
GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

HON. MR. C. SEVERN, C.M.G.

Last night at Government House  
His Excellency the Governor, in the  
presence of a large and representa-  
tive gathering, invested the Hon.  
Mr. Claud Severn, Colonial Secre-  
tary, with the Companionship of the  
Most Distinguished Order of St.  
Michael and St. George to which  
he was appointed on January 1st  
last. The ceremony took place in  
the Ball Room which was very  
prettily decorated for the occasion  
with palms and flowers and baskets  
of flowers and ferns suspended from  
the ceiling.

H.E. The Governor and Miss May  
received the guests as they entered.  
His Excellency was attended by Mr.  
Ponsonby-Fane (Private Secretary),  
Captain Llewellyn Edwards, A.D.C.,  
and his six Honourable Aides-de-Camp.

When the guests had assembled in  
the Ball Room the following proce-  
cession passed up the aisle to the Dais:  
Mr. Jenkins and Mr. Hough (Hon.  
A.D.C.s).

The Hon. Mr. Ho Fook.

The Hon. Mr. Anton and the Hon.  
Mr. Shawan.

Hon. Mr. Lau Chu Pak and Hon.  
Mr. Holyoak.

Hon. Mr. Messer and Hon. Mr.  
Pollock.

Hon. Mr. Sharp, K.C., and His  
Honour Mr. Justice Gompertz.

Hon. Mr. Wolfe and Hon. Mr.  
Hallifax.

Commodore Sandeman, R.N., and  
Hon. Mr. Kemp.

Rt. Rev. Bishop Pozzoni and His  
Honour Sir William Rees-Davies.

H.E. Major-General Ventris, and  
the Lt. Rev. Bishop of Victoria,  
Capt. Wood and Capt. Armstrong  
(Hon. A.D.C.s.).

Mr. J. W. Jamieson, C.M.G.

Sir Charles Eliot, K.C.M.G., C.B.,  
LL.D., and Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G.

His EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Subadar Meht Kahn and Subadar

Major Roshan Khan (Hon. A.D.C.s.).

Capt. Llewellyn Edwards, A.D.C.

The Hon. Mr. Claud Severn fol-  
lowed, supported by the Hon. Mr.  
W. Chatham, C.M.G., and Mr. Wei  
Yuk, C.M.G., who were preceded by  
Mr. Ponsonby-Fane bearing on a  
cushion the Royal Warrant and the  
insignia of the Order.

When the members of the process-  
sion had assembled on the Dais, Mr.  
Ponsonby-Fane read the Royal War-  
rant, and His Excellency the Governor  
proceeded to pin the decoration  
to Mr. Severn's breast emphasising  
in the words of the ritual for such  
occasions the significance it bears  
of loyalty and honour.

The recipient bowed in acknowl-  
edgment and the ceremony was at  
an end, but the guests remained to  
hear an excellent programme of  
music by the Band of the 26th  
Middlesex Regiment, whose selec-  
tions were greatly enjoyed. The  
programme was as follows:

1.—Overture "French Comedy" Bela.

2.—Intermezzo "Love Bells" Dore.

3.—Suite "Indian Love Lyricks" Amy

Woodcock & Linden.

4.—Espagnol "Barberillo" Kar.

INTERVAL OF 25 MINUTES

5.—Rhapsody "Slavonic" Friedmann.

6.—Novellette "La Chiquantaine" Marie.

7.—Cello Solo "Simple Aven" Thoinie.

8.—Suite "Miniatore" Cotes.

During the interval the guests  
partook of refreshments in the supper  
room, or strolled about the grounds  
which were prettily illuminated by  
strings of red lanterns.

The guests invited were:

Mr. and Mrs. Alshaefer, Mr. and Mrs.  
Anderson, Consul-General Anderson, Mr.  
and Miss Anton, Major Ardoine, Dr. and  
Mrs. Aubrey, Mr. d'Aiglino.

Mr. and Mrs. Beale, Mr. Beck, Mr.  
and Mrs. Bird, Commander and Mrs.  
Beckwith, Major and Mrs. Bowley, Mr.  
and Mrs. Bowley, Mr. Bernard, Major  
and Mrs. Browne, Mr. and Mrs. Bell,  
Mr. and Mrs. Butterfield, Mrs. Butler.

Mr. and Mrs. Carleton, Mr. and Mrs.  
Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. Cartwright,  
Captain Cassel, Hon. Mr. and Mrs.  
Chater, Sir Paul Chater, Capt. and  
Mrs. Chankin, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton,  
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Lieut.-Col. Crisp, Commander Coates,  
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## THE MAGISTRACY.

## ALLEGED THEFT OF COAL.

Four Chinese boatmen were charged  
before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning  
with the illegal possession of 15 tons of  
coal valued at \$300.

Mr. Grist appeared for the defence.

Inspector Gordon stated that about 6  
a.m. yesterday, Sergt. Bond, who was  
on harbour patrol duty, noticed a junk  
anchored near Hole's Wharf with  
two small cinder boats moored  
alongside her. The people in  
the junk were shipping coal on to the  
cinder boats. As soon as the boatmen  
saw the Police approaching, they ran  
away and hid themselves in the junk.

They were all arrested, two being found

## TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

## THE POSITION IN ITALY.

## ENEMY PRESSURE IN THE UPPER TAGLIAMENTO.

## ITALIAN EVACUATION OF TERRITORY.

LONDON, Nov. 6.

An Indian official report states:—The enemy has intensified his pressure from the upper Tagliamento against our left and has also pushed detachments towards the middle of the lower course of the river.

In order to establish a new line, we were compelled to evacuate positions of territory in the mountainous area, which the enemy occupied.

## THE GERMAN REPORT.

LONDON, Nov. 6.

A German official message states:—We took possession of the whole Tagliamento line, to the coast.

The Italians are retreating between the mountains and the sea and there are conflagrations "indicating" the route of the retirement.

Our pressure has compelled the Italians to give up the mountain front from the Fella Valley as far as Colfiorito, to the north of the Sugana Valley, a distance of 150 kilometres.

The enemy is retreating and our further operations have commenced.

## THE ENEMY ACROSS THE TAGLIAMENTO.

PARIS, Nov. 6.

It is semi-officially announced that a division commanded by Prince Felix of Schauenberg took a notable part in the crossing of the Tagliamento, in the mountains where the river rises.

If the hostile pressure on the western bank of the river increases, as probably it will do, General Cadorna's Army may be obliged to retire to new positions of Pavia, where the arrival of the British and French troops will doubtless succeed in stopping the hostile rush.

## THEORIES REGARDING THE PRESENT OPERATIONS.

NEW YORK, Nov. 6.

The Associated Press Correspondent at Italian Headquarters emphasises that the operations on the Tagliamento have fulfilled the main object of delaying the enemy's advance and enabling the Italians to pull themselves together and to again concentrate their forces.

The enemy is now fixed on the other important lines, with other rivers that the Italians have chosen as their final lines of resistance, which are not permitted to be indicated.

Two theories, regarding the result of the present operations are; first, the Italians with the British and French reinforcements, will concentrate on the line chosen; and secondly, the Austro-Germans, in view of the approaching winter, will not push on much further.

General Cadorna has taken strong measures to restore the vigour and *esprit* of the troops. Absentees will be treated as deserters unless they report within five days and everything indicates that normal conditions will speedily be restored.

## THE DANGER OF VENICE.

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 6.

A German semi-official statement speaks of the danger of Venice and significantly contends that the City has developed into an important war industries centre.

## ALLIED CO-OPERATION.

LONDON, Nov. 6.

It is announced in Paris that General Foch and General Sir William Robertson went to Italy last week.

General Foch was in Italy two months ago when he drew up General Staff military plans with General Cadorna, hence the swiftness with which the Anglo-French help has arrived.

Allied reinforcements are pouring into Italy day and night.

## DESERTERS TO BE PUNISHED BY DEATH.

General Cadorna has issued a warning, broadcast, drawing attention to the Military Penal Code, which states that deserters will be punished with death.

## AN INTER-ALLIED WAR STAFF.

LONDON, Nov. 6.

Comments in the Paris papers indicate that one of the chief objects of the visit of Mr. Lloyd George and M. Poincaré to Italy is the formation of an inter-Allied War Staff.

## JAPAN AND CHINA.

IMPORTANT COMMUNICATION TO CHINESE GOVERNMENT.

## A JAPANESE-AMERICAN AGREEMENT.

PEKING, Nov. 6.

Baron Hayashi has informed the Foreign Office that Viscount Ishii and Mr. Lansing signed an agreement, on November 2, whereby the United States recognises Japan's special interests in China and also, whereby Japan and the United States reaffirm the "Open Door" before General Cadorna has reorganised.

The situation now hinges on the strength of the successive lines of natural defences west of the Tagliamento and the speed with which the reorganisation can be effected in order to throw the whole weight with the Allied reinforce- ments upon the advancing enemy.

The natural defences of the western region are strong, and the country is described as the "Holland of Italy," owing to the network of canals and rivers mostly running straight across the line of the enemy's advance.

The French troops were enthusiastically welcomed, and the presence of the Anglo-French has brought inspiration to the Italian ranks.

## THE FOOD-PROBLEM.

## HOW GERMANY IS EXISTING.

LONDON, Nov. 6.

Sir Arthur Yapp, Director of Food Economy, in a speech in London, said that while our food position was serious, the position of the Central Powers was still more serious. The only commodity that Germany had in any degree resembling Great Britain, was potatoes, of which the allowance was seven pounds per head, weekly. There was no tea in Germany, and the weekly rations in Germany were—bread, or flour, five pounds for a person doing heavy work, and four and a half pounds for others; meat, nine ounces; sugar, six ounces; butter, three-and-a-half ounces; while only 25 eggs were allowed to each person, yearly.

## THE PUNJAB AND THE WAR.

LAHORE, Nov. 6.

Speaking at the Whelum Durbar, the Lieutenant Governor of the Punjab said that the Government had not been slow to recognise the claims of those fighting, for it had placed at the disposal of the Commander-in-Chief, 178,000 acres in the lower Ravi Doab colony, which were to be allotted as rewards to those who had rendered distinguished services in the field. The Lieutenant-Governor said that the contribution by the Punjab to the Indian Army, since the beginning of the war, amounted to about 220,000 men.

## AUSTRALIA'S COMMERCE AND OVERSEAS TRADE.

SYDNEY, Nov. 6.

Mr. Hughes, speaking at a luncheon given by the Chamber of Commerce, outlined a comprehensive scheme for organising Australia's commerce and overseas trade.

## A SCHEME OF ORGANISATION.

YOKOHAMA, Nov. 6.

The first unit of the scheme will be associations representing primary and secondary industries. The second unit will be a General Council of Commerce and Industry, composed of representatives from various associations. The third unit will be a Department of Commerce and Industry with a special Minister, and representative will be appointed to the principal overseas markets.

## THE AUSTRALIAN LIBERTY LOAN.

MELBOURNE, Nov. 6.

The Liberty Loan applications numbered 35,000, making a total of £19,651,000. This sum will be augmented by applications from distant centres.

Since the Loan prospectus was issued, war savings certificates, valued at £554,000, have been sold.

Altogether £100,000,000 has been subscribed in Australia for war purposes.

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**BRAZIL'S NAVY.**

JOINS AMERICAN FLEET.

A despatch from Washington in June stated that Brazil's navy has begun co-operating with the American fleet in South American waters in hunting down German sea raiders and watching for German submarines. Official notification of Brazil's revocation of her neutrality decree comes in despatches from Ambassador Morgan at Rio.

The sending of a special diplomatic mission to Brazil to arrange for a greater co-operation of forces and the closest possible co-operation of the two Governments is under consideration by the United States. President Wilson now has under consideration the personnel of the mission. It probably will leave the United States within a month or six weeks, and will include men familiar with Latin American conditions and representatives from the military establishment.

The Government to-day received assurances from the Venezuelan Government that it had no intention of disposing of the island of Margarita to the Germans. The assurances came as a reply to a protest made by the State Department; after it had received information that German agents were endeavouring to purchase or otherwise gain control of the island to establish a submarine base.

It is without any formal declaration of war that Brazil has practically joined the United States against Germany. Coincident with the inauguration of Brazil's naval operation, a plan for protecting her merchant ships in their voyages to allied ports with frozen meats and other foodstuffs has been put into effect.

Whether Brazil will supplement her action by a formal declaration of war is not known here, and by some officials such action is regarded as doubtful, because the Government at Rio de Janeiro is inclined to regard its action rather defensive than aggressive. For the present it is believed Brazil's part will be adequately done if she contributes to the safety of southern seas and to the movement to Europe of foodstuffs.

Brazil's seizure of the war-bound German ships has added to her merchant marine more than 60,000 tons, which, with that already at her disposal, will, it is believed, contribute materially to the solution of the problem of getting supplies to the Allies.

It is not the intention of the Brazilian Government at present to use its navy in patrolling waters off Argentina, but that feature, it is believed, will not weaken materially the scheme of ocean sweeping since the long field of operations of the coast of Brazil comprises the more important sector of southern operations.

The decision of Brazil not to operate in waters off Argentina is due, it is understood, to a desire not to give unnecessary offence to the Government of Argentina and also because British warships are operating in the vicinity of the Falkland Islands, off the Argentine coast. Hope is still felt at the State Department that the Argentine Government yet may join the war for world democracy. This is indicated by despatches from Buenos Aires, which say that it is regarded by some there as merely a question of time before Argentina will adopt a course similar to that of Brazil.

The waiter adjusted his serviette to the required position on his forearm and bowed elegantly.

"Sir," he said calmly, "none of our patrons cares to sit thirteen at table."

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PARA.

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Rio Grande, 4,882 Hamburg-Sud  
America.

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**PARANGUA.**

Santa Anna, 3,733 Hamburg-Sud  
America.

PERNAIBUCO.

Rainha, 1,791 Hamburg-Sud

America.

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Africa.

Franz Woermann, 6,061 Woermann

San Nicolas, 4,738 Hamburg-Sud Amerika

Stadt Roland, 4,230 Hamburg-Sud Amerika

Stadt Vilna, 9,467 Hamburg-Sud Amerika

Corrientes, 2,738 Hamburg-Sud Amerika

Eisenach, 6,707 Norddeutscher Lloyd

Gandaria, 4,772 Hamburg-Bremen

Hans Woermann, 6,408 Woermann

Hans Woermann, 6,063 Woermann

## HONGKONG DEFENCE CORPS.

Orders for Artillery Company by Capt. J. H. W. Armstrong, V.D.

PARADES.

Thursday, 6th inst.:-

5.30 p.m.—Left Half Company (Guns other than specialists), at Belchers Battery.

Friday, 9th inst.:-

7.30 a.m.—Right Half Company (Range Test, Class and Gun numbers as detailed) at Belchers Battery.

5.30 p.m.—Right Half Company (Fayers and Setters' Class only), at Belchers Battery.

5.30 p.m.—Left Half Company (Fayers and Setters' Class only), at Belchers Battery.

## Orders for Engineer Company by Captain W. Russell.

2nd to 9th inst.:-

Nightly, E. I., Manning at Belchers and Lytton, as per Rotations, posted at Headquarters.

OFFICERS NEXT FOR DUTY.

Belchers.—2nd-Lieut. Brown.

Lytton.—Capt. James, O. Lie. D.E.L. Stonewell.—Lieut. Stevenson, O. Lie. D.E.L.

DETAILS FOR INSTRUCTION.

At Belchers at 8 p.m., on Tuesday and Thursday, under Staff Sergeants, Ovenden and Parsons, E.E., Corp. Day and 2nd Corp. Morris, H.K.D.C.

Detail of Belchers Beliefs for November, 1917, is posted at Headquarters.

Detail of duties at Lytton from 1st to 16th inst. is posted at Headquarters.

## Orders for Infantry Battalion by Major H. A. Morgan.

PARADES.

" A " Company.

Thursday, 8th inst.:-

5.30 a.m.—Annual Musketry Course, Part 3, Practices 13, 14 and 19, at Peak Range. The following will attend—Privates E. E. de W. Abney, W. Schofield, N. E. Kent, H. E. Hayward, W. W. MacKenzie and E. A. M. Williams.

4.45 p.m.—No. 1 Platoon, Nos. 1 and 2 Sections, at King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course, Part 2, Practices 8 and 9, Dress, Drill order with pouches.

5.15 p.m.—No. 2 Platoon, Nos. 7 and 8 Sections, at Scandal Point. Musketry instruction. Dress, Drill order with pouches.

Saturday, 10th inst.:-

2.30 p.m.—No. 3 Platoon (N.C.O.s and men as detailed by Lieut. Kennett), at King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course, Part 1, Practices 3 and 4, Dress, Drill order with pouches.

" B " Company.

Thursday, 8th inst.:-

5.15 p.m.—No. 7 Platoon (except Tai Po Section), at Scandal Point. Musketry instruction (string from a trench). Dress, Drill order with pouches.

Friday, 9th inst.:-

6.30 a.m.—Annual Musketry Course, Part 3, Practices 13, 14 and 19, at Peak Range. The following will attend—Sergt. C. E. H. Beavis, Pte. A. G. Coppin, W. Nicholson, A. S. Gubbay, A. Ritchie, T. E. Pearce, A. H. Hollingsworth and C. G. Alabaster.

5.15 p.m.—No. 8 Platoon, at Kowloon Docks. Musketry instruction. Dress, Drill order with pouches.

Hongkong residents proceed by launch from Statue Wharf at 4.30 p.m.

MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

Dress for all parades, clean fatigue.

Thursday, 8th inst.:-

5.15 p.m.—Men detailed below, at Headquarters, Ptes. Fraser, Harper, Jack, Labrum, Logan, Macdonald, A. McKerns, Pinguet, and Todd.

Friday, 9th inst.:-

5.15 p.m.—Nos. 4 and 5 Guns, at Headquarters.

Any Hongkong residents attached to Nos. 1 and 2 Guns unable to attend at Kowloon Docks on Monday or Tuesday will parade at Headquarters on Thursday, the 8th inst., at 5.15 p.m.

MOUNTED SECTION.

Thursday, 8th inst.:-

6.30 a.m.—Annual Musketry Course, Part 3, Practices 13, 14 and 19, at Peak Range. The following will attend—Sergt. G. Morton Smith, Corp. L. N. Leefe, Ptes. T. J. Fisher and K. A. Bodway. Officer in Charge, 2nd-Lieut. Maxton.

5.15 p.m.—At Jockey Club Stables, Dress, Drill order.

MOUNTED SECTION.

Thursday, 8th inst.:-

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5.15 p.m.—A. Class at Happy Valley, Station Work.

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Friday, 9th inst.:-

5.15 p.m.—All units, except " D " Company, Murray Parade Ground, under Sergt. Osbourn, Corps. Mendes and Grimes, Drills, Drill order.

" D " COMPANY.

Friday, 9th inst.:-

5.15 p.m.—New Members (joined since 1.0.17), at Headquarters, under C.S.M. Cooke and Corp. Edmonds.

DETAIL.

On duty 8th inst. Signalling Section.

On duty 9th inst. Mounted Section.

On duty 10th and 11th inst. Machine Gun Company.

On duty from 12th to 17th inst. inclusive—A " Company.

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November 8th to 14th, 1917.

HONGKONG TIDES.

The tide-table given below has been compiled at the National Almanac Office in London from the result of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui during the years 1873-93.

The zero of the table corresponds with the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty Chart, which has been found to be a feet 3 inches below mean sea level.

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Previous day On date at On date at

Barometer 50.07 30.13 30.07

Temperature 74° 71° 73°

Humidity 61° 67° 67°

Direction of Wind N.E. N.E. N.E.

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Weather Fair Fair Fair

Rain 0.00 0.00 0.00

Clouds

Sea

Wind

Sea